

Questions for Home Groups – Gifts for mission (1 Corinthians 12)

- **When you think of someone having a special talent or gift what image comes to mind and how do we tend to explain it?**
- **What has been your experience of spiritual gifts in your Christian life (either of being ministered to or of using them?)**
- John Tattersall talked about Jesus as the “spirit filled exemplar; the model of what an authentic Christian life powered by God looks like.
In what ways might your own life and our church’s life feel underpowered
- **What things make you wary of the Holy Spirit?**
- **Why might we think the gifts are not for us?**
- **Of the list of spiritual gifts in the 1 Corinthians 12 passage, which ones have you had experience of? Which ones excite you to know more? Which ones put you off?**
Word of knowledge
Discernment of spirits
The gift of faith
The gift of healing
Miracles
Prophecy
Tongues
The interpretation of tongues
- **How might the use of these gifts change the ministry of our church?**
- **Which gift might you ‘eagerly desire?’**
- **If you speak in tongues, share with the group how that came about and what the benefits are.**
- **Why are the spiritual gifts not to be a source of pride?**
- **Are the gifts to be used only inside church? How can you see them being used in a more public non-church setting?**

You might finish by praying for each member to receive gifts from God, particularly if they have mentioned specific ones when talking about what they “eagerly desire”.

